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Students rally for Lobby Day



Aaron Mallory, a senior from Flossmoor studying electrical engineering, encourages a crowd attending a MAP grant rally behind Grinnell Hall to yell, "Show me the money" Wednesday. Mallory, along with help from the Undergraduate Student Government, organized the rally to show support for today's Lobby Day trip to Springfield.

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Many gather behind Grinnell to support Lobby Day trip

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If 800 SIUC students are as rowdy as the roughly 100 who gathered behind Grinnell Hall Wednesday, state legislators could be in for a rude awakening.

Aaron Mallory, with the help of Undergraduate Student Government, put together a rally to help gain support for today's rally in Springfield aimed at reinstating the Monetary Award Program grant.

Mallory, a senior from Flossmoor studying electrical engineering, said all students, not just those who will lose the grant, should be involved in efforts to bring it back.

"If you don't receive the MAP, you're still being affected because the value of your education is being reduced," Mallory said.

Mallory said because a written excuse will be given to students to miss class, they have no reason to miss the rally.

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Public Safety to improve campus lighting

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University officials tagged several sections of campus to upgrade lighting in efforts to improve campus safety.

Todd Sigler, director of public safety, assembled a safety walk Tuesday. Officials, including campus police and representatives from University Housing and the Office of the Chancellor, were encouraged to record any safety observations during the walk. Sigler said they prefer to conduct the walk after dark to watch for any lighting deficiencies.

The areas surrounding the Wham Education Building and Lawson Hall were pegged as areas for concern, and Sigler said they would be the next areas to receive new lighting. The boundaries of the Neckers Building parking lot also contains a tree line that needs to be pushed back and trimmed to improve lighting and safety, Sigler said.

Sigler said the lack of lighting and dense foliage are the main safety concerns for students who walk around campus in the dark.

Old light bulbs are gradually being replaced, Sigler said. When they burn out, the mercury bulbs are replaced with new, high-pressure

sodium lights, he said.

According to the Department of Agriculture Web site, sodium lights use less energy and get brighter over the years.

"Not only are we enhancing the lighting, we're also being more efficient and saving some money," Sigler said.

Sigler said trees and dark areas give potential offenders hiding spots, but there are 55 call boxes placed around campus for emergencies.

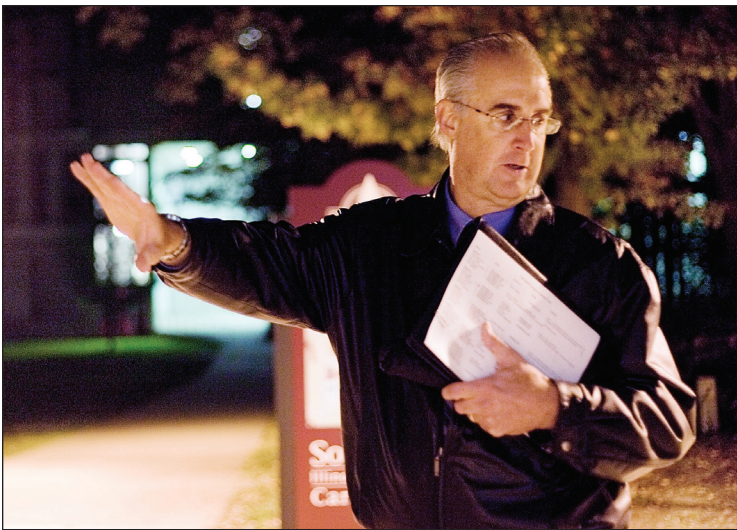
When someone uses the emergency boxes, the call goes to campus police and the Physical Plant, he said. Police are informed of the exact location of the call and are sent to the location immediately.

Phil Gatton, director of Plant and Service Operations, said it was his fourth year participating in the walk. In the past, he said he had seen improvements made in the Old Main area, which is in front of Shryock Auditorium.

"We've spent a lot of time cleaning the canopy up," Gatton said. "(Now) the main issues are lights out that we don't know about."

Sigler said the Old Main area would soon receive new lighting to replace the globe lighting, which causes large shadows on the walkway.

Sigler said the university would



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Todd Sigler, director of Public Safety, discusses the addition of the Morris Library parking lot during a safety walk Tuesday. This is the fifth year Sigler has organized a safety walk at night to record where the university needs improvements with lighting and agricultural maintenance to ensure students' safety.

hire new staff for winter weather. He said the Physical Plant plans to hire temporary employees in preparation for the snow and ice, and they will treat streets and sidewalks with an ice-detering solution.

"(They) actually attend conferences on snow removal on what's effective," Sigler said. "The biggest problem is the ice. When it stacks up two inches, conventional machinery can't get through it."

Associate Provost Susan Logue said the Physical Plant has done a great job clearing ice and snow in the past.

"I know those guys are on call if we have the threat of a snow storm, and (then) they're out here until two or three in the morning clearing it," Logue said.

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Doctor gives fertility options

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Jessica Raines was on pins and needles before she got pregnant.

Raines and her husband Heath tried unsuccessfully to conceive their second child when a friend referred them to Dr. John Corley, a Murphysboro chiropractor, for acupuncture infertility treatment. After four weeks of the treatment, Raines became pregnant, she said.

During acupuncture, needles are put no deeper than half an inch into specific areas of the body to stimulate nerve endings under the skin, which allows organs to operate more effectively, Corley said.

"I stimulated certain points in the body that I learned improve certain hormone release and ovarian processes, and it worked," Corley said.

The Murphysboro couple tried fertility medication and ovulation tests before acupuncture, Raines said.

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USG President Priciliano Fabian said state legislators should think about the importance of the grant.

“They have to know that we’re registered voters, so if they don’t do something about this, we’ll do something about them,” Fabian said.

Fabian said it is important to continue to put the pressure on the legislators, even after today’s rally.

T.J. Momoh, a graduate student in electrical engineering from Warri, Nigeria, said SIUC could lose about \$9 million if the grant is lost.

“SIU is already broke,” Momoh said. “They’re about to be even broker

if this grant is lost.”

Buses for today’s rally will leave the Student Center at 8 a.m. When students arrive at Springfield, they will be given a box lunch, have a few hours to talk with legislators, meet back for pizza and then return to campus by about 7 p.m.

Student Trustee Nate Brown said the rally would be one of the largest rallies in Springfield’s history.

“What I can guarantee you is that we’re going to have a whole slew of students that are mad, that are going to be in Springfield and telling their stories,” Brown said. “It’s time that the legislators hear from the people that are being affected by this cut.”

Brown said today’s rally is the most important event in the fight to hold on to the grant, because it would be the best opportunity for students to let legislators hear their voices.

Ashley Epps, vice president of USG, said she thinks students understand the urgency of fighting to restore the grant.

“I think they felt it, but at the same time they didn’t really understand the MAP grant and how it’s affecting them,” Epps said. “But now I think students are getting way more involved.”

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Governor warns of growing problems in Ill. budget

Christopher Wills
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Pat Quinn’s office warned Wednesday that state government now faces an additional \$900 million budget deficit, largely because rising unemployment has eaten away at income tax revenues.

Quinn’s budget director David Vaught said the new budget hole increases the pressure for officials

to raise taxes early next year. Until then, he said, Quinn will cut spending further and seek legislative permission to borrow money set aside in special government funds.

This year’s budget was put together with the assumption that income tax revenue would be about the same as last year, around \$10.2 billion. But the latest projections now show revenues falling by \$850 million, Vaught said.

“Basically, what happened is

unemployment is worse than what the economists were projecting,” he said. “We’re in the same boat as the rest of the economy.”

The statewide unemployment rate for August was 10 percent, compared to 6.7 percent a year earlier.

In addition, revenues from riverboat gambling are now expected to be \$50 million lower than projected because a Joliet casino was closed for several months by a fire.

Calendar

Black Women v. Black Women Forum
7-9 p.m. today in the Student Center Auditorium

Mocha Mixer
7-9 p.m. Friday in Engineering A131

Power and Poise: Black Women in Politics
Speaker: Dr. Robin Kelly
2-4 p.m. Saturday in Engineering A131

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Speaker: Patrick Langan
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Dr. John T. Corley performs a procedure on his co-worker and patient Jamie Blevens, Wednesday at the Murphysboro Chiropractic Clinic.

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Corley said Raines suffered from polycystic ovarian disease, which creates cysts on the ovaries that could prevent ovulation.

She also had a thyroid condition that kept her body temperature about one-half degree cooler than normal, he said.

"The body has to be a certain temperature, just like eggs of a chicken, to incubate, so we did a lot with the thyroid as well," Corley said.

Raines said other pregnancy options such as in-vitro fertilization were too expensive, and she didn't like the idea of taking medication to get pregnant.

When Corley started the treatment, Raines said she barely felt the needles.

"It's less (painful) than somebody pulling one hair out of your head," she said, adding that she usually fell asleep during the 20-minute treatment sessions.

Raines became pregnant in November 2008 and gave birth to her son Nathan in July.

Corley said acupuncture can treat infertility, pain, carpal tunnel and birth pain without side effects and is now used to treat effects of chemotherapy in cancer patients.

Corley also said acupuncture can help overall well-being and that hos-

pitals in China that only use acupuncture to treat people are successful every day.

"The theory behind acupuncture is that there's a nervous-flow blockage, and acupuncture releases that blockage to allow the body to run at 110 percent," he said.

Corley's chiropractic work also saved Murphysboro resident Jamie Blevens from back surgery, he said.

Blevens, a former late-shift hospital nurse, injured her lower back when she wrestled a knife from an estranged patient.

One of Blevens' spinal discs put pressure on a nerve that ran from her back to her foot, she said.

"I didn't realize the pain level until the third day, when it was ridiculous," Blevens said.

Blevens said the pain was so intense that if she rode in a car for more than half an hour, she would have to pull over and vomit.

Corley treated Blevens using spinal manipulation, muscle therapy and strengthening programs.

"Once you return the spine to its normal position and the biomechanics are correct, you need to strengthen that area, and that solidifies it," Corley said.

Blevens said she initially resisted the strengthening program.

"It hurts. You have to hold all these exercises ... and he has you moving all your body parts to learn how to

make yourself stronger, and it's parts that you've never used before," Blevens said.

Corley then told her she had the worst MRI report he had read in a long time, and surgery would have been her only other option, she said.

The mother of 13 children reluctantly adhered to Corley's strengthening techniques, and though she's been told her pain will never go away completely, Blevens said she learned how to control it.

"If you don't know any better, you would go to your medical doctor, they would refer you to a surgeon, and you'd have surgery," Blevens said. "If you don't look into chiropractics, you don't understand that your body can help itself."

Blevens said Corley has told her acupuncture could help alleviate lingering pain, but she said she might not be ready for another round.

"I don't know," Blevens said laughing, after admitting her fear of needles. "Maybe."

"If you don't look into chiropractics, you don't understand that your body can help itself."

— Jamie Blevens
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If the business of America is business, what standard is America setting with its business practices? Private equity practices show there is a lack of transparency and honesty in the business executive work place.

The opportunity for the individual to make a quick buck needs to be regulated so the system doesn't suffer another major breakdown.

According to "Flipped," a series in the New York Times, private equity firms are getting paid to make deals that don't produce real worth.

For private equity investors to get paid, they have to buy a deal. Even if the investors find a deal with a lot of debt, they can still say they found the deal and get paid for making it. The problem is when these deals snowball, creating financial holes of debt in the system as they roll along, they are never repaid.

When an individual borrows money to buy a company, the private equity firm is banking on the assumption the company will do well enough to pay off the debt.

The people making the deals end up with tons of money while the real corporation fails to do its business, and the average worker gets none — or very little — out of the process.

In "Flipped," the mattress company Simmons is a test case. It shows the process of private equity on a company. The workers at

Simmons had benefits such as pensions when they retired. These benefits were cut, and workers were laid off, creating pressure for those on the line. In a plant near Atlanta, the factory was closed down and thousands lost their jobs.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, the government body in charge of equity markets, have had trouble keeping business clean of such dealings.

One recent example of this is the Bernie Madoff scandal. The SEC, in its report to the public, admitted it failed to stop Madoff, despite complaints about his business practices.

The Private Equity Council talked last week about the new regulations. Douglas Lowenstein, president of the council, said it would be problematic for Private Equity to reveal its actions to a third party.

"Such a requirement is potentially destructive of normal commercial relationships and could expose proprietary information and trade secrets to those with whom we compete," Lowenstein said.

Companies should not have anything to hide from the government, if they are an honest business.

In this report, Lowenstein said the amount of money used in private equity is small. He said the amount of retirement money lost as a result of Madoff's Ponzi scheme was insignificant.

Private equity practices need to be managed with the law and create real worth and not just pad the businessman's pocket.

Thomas is a senior studying journalism.

THEIR WORD

Democrats and security

When asked recently whether the Pentagon would meet its January deadline to close the Guantanamo Bay prison, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the task "has proven more complicated than anticipated."

That phrase pretty well sums up the attitude the administration and Democrats in Congress have taken toward national security since President Barack Obama took office.

Issues that seemed simple on the campaign trail require subtler handling than voters were led to believe. Gitmo is one of those.

Soon after being inaugurated, Obama announced he would close it. But what to do with the inmates is still up for grabs. Congressional Democrats have joined Republicans in rejecting their transfer to American soil, even in maximum-security prisons.

Finding countries to take inmates has been harder than expected. The administration also hasn't decided how to proceed with detainees who for one reason or another can't be tried in criminal courts but are too dangerous to release. Some of those cases will probably end up before those military commissions that were established under President George W. Bush and widely denounced by his critics.

Then there is the Patriot Act, which Democratic presidential candidates uniformly reviled as a violation of privacy rights. Three of its provisions will expire at the end of this year, including one authorizing "roving wiretaps" of suspects who use multiple cell phones to elude detection and one allowing federal agents to sub-

poena data such as library records.

But the Justice Department, urging their renewal, insists that the law and its guidelines not only protect national security but "safeguard Americans' privacy and civil liberties."

Then there is the "state secrets privilege," which the Bush administration used to block lawsuits alleging government wrongdoing by claiming (truthfully or not) that it couldn't mount a defense itself without spilling vital secrets.

So far, Attorney General Eric Holder has stuck to that position in cases already in the courts, while stipulating that uses of that defense will require review by the attorney general and a committee of government attorneys.

But it has shown no interest in legislation to limit the president's discretion, meaning that Obama or his successors would remain largely free to do what they want. How to explain the discrepancy between the bold pledges of 2008 and the relative inaction of 2009?

One reason is that Democrats were eager to condemn almost anything associated with George W. Bush, without looking too closely at the details. Another reason is that being given responsibility for the lives of Americans can alter your perceptions.

"What a surprise that things look different when you're president," said Northwestern University law professor Ronald J. Allen, who regards the Patriot

Act as a collection of valuable tools, some of which could use new restrictions to prevent abuse.

That seems to be the newfound view of many Democrats.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy of Vermont has introduced legislation that would extend the expiring provisions while expanding oversight by judges and Congress, as well as the Justice Department's own inspector general. But it's not just greater realism that motivates

the president and his allies.

They seem to see no urgent reason to relinquish these tools, because they trust themselves to act wisely.

"When people gain power, they prefer not

to be scrutinized," said New York University law professor Stephen Schulhofer.

But a power that can be easily abused, like the state secrets defense, is a power that should be confined by checks and balances, not left to the executive's pleasure.

It's nice to see the Democrats recognize that on matters involving national security, the Bush administration got some answers right. It would be nice if they also recognized that the nation could use safeguards to keep the Obama administration from getting them wrong.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune Monday, Oct. 5.

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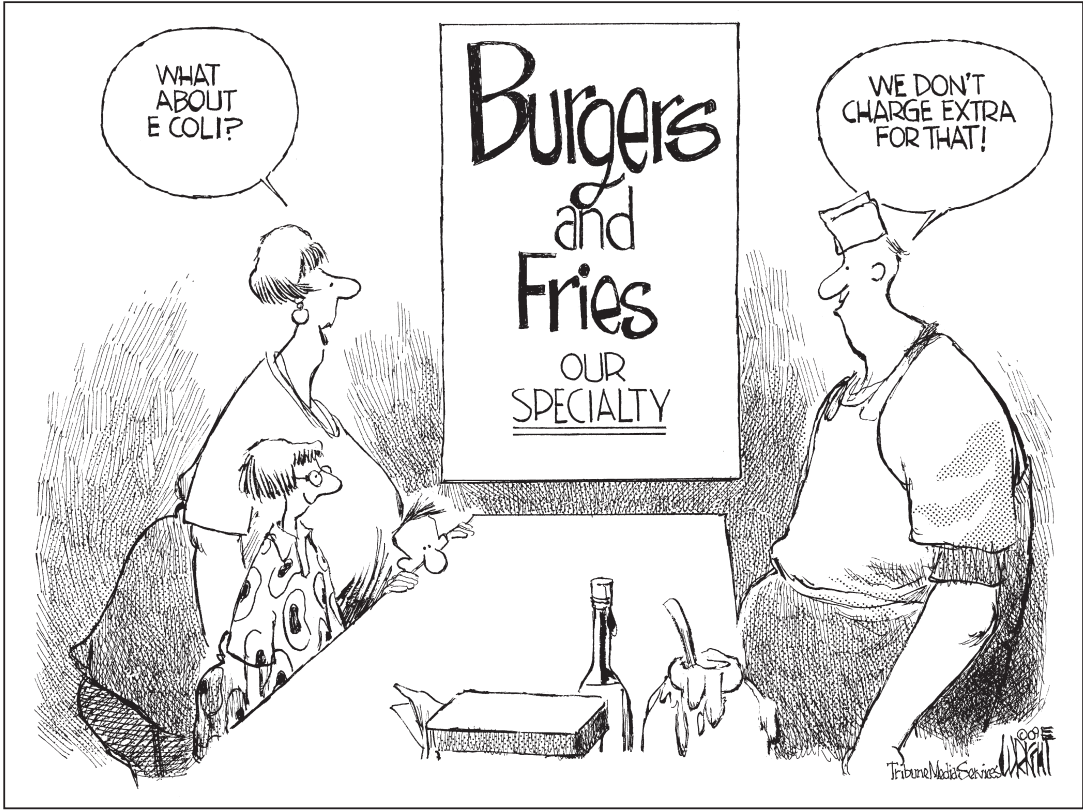
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“He found her ankles were too fat.”

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

Is the Mississippi coast invisible?

Stan Tiner
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

When the White House recently announced the president would be visiting New Orleans and the “hurricane-damaged” areas of the Gulf Coast in mid-October, in accordance with a campaign pledge, our immediate thought was we better get ready.

But since the initial notice was lacking additional facts, the Biloxi (Miss.) Sun Herald asked the White House press office directly — will he be coming to South Mississippi?

The response was brief: “The president will be going to New Orleans.”

The president’s decision, or that of his advisers and inner circle, to visit the one place

I will restate for any who might have forgotten: taken alone, without any damage having occurred in Louisiana or elsewhere, Katrina’s toll on the Mississippi Coast would constitute the greatest natural disaster in American history.

Invisibility means that an object can literally not be seen, but it can also mean that because of perception or philosophical blindness, or lack of knowledge, a person or group, or a place such as Mississippi may be invisible.

Ralph Ellison’s powerful novel, “Invisible Man,” is about an unnamed black who believes himself to be socially invisible.

He tries over the course of the book to understand his place in American society. He is an unperson, and he is invisible because he is seen in the stereotypes that society has placed

on his existence, and through the prism of those views he becomes invisible.

Aimee Berger and Kate Cochran addressed some of the reasons for our invisibility in a 2007 College English Association Forum exploring news coverage of Hurricane Katrina and how it had affected New Orleans as well as the Mississippi Coast.

Berger and Cochran frame their analysis of the coverage involving the two places by saying “Primary among the ... Katrina narrative is the dialectic of invisibility and visibility, which displaced and erased Mississippi while rendering New Orleans hypervisible.”

They go on to say as the cameras almost instantly shifted from here to there, the story portrayed New Orleans as “a most un-American city” chiefly populated by drug dealers, criminals and people who refused to leave.

The omission of coverage here, they say, was related to our “unique place in the national imagination,” a collective memory that focuses largely on poverty, high illiteracy rates, and “general social backwardness.”

To many Americans, the name “Mississippi” still evokes the past “and the murders of Medgar Evers, Emmett Till and Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner.”

The violent eruptions surrounding the admission of James Meredith to Ole Miss is also cited in the 2007 Forum article.

This was published more than a year before the historic presidential debate at Ole Miss on

Oct. 7, 2008, between Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain. Much of the coverage leading up to the debate recounted the problems involving race-relations in Mississippi. A good deal of attention was paid to the progress that has occurred here over the last several decades.

The lack of coverage about the Coast in Katrina’s aftermath was related to the “nation’s reluctance to identify with Mississippi,” the authors conclude.

Whether for those reasons or others, “media coverage reveled in images and tales from New Orleans, (and) the Mississippi Gulf Coast was all but forgotten, rendered invisible by the media’s rhetorical operations.” Is there a political dimension embedded in this? Of course.

Various commentators on the post-Katrina story have pointed to the ties that Republicans Gov. Haley Barbour and Sens. Thad Cochran and Trent Lott had with the administration then in power and suggest favoritism in the allocation of funding for recovery in Mississippi when compared to Louisiana.

The contentious post-storm squabble between Mayor Ray Nagin and Gov. Kathleen Blanco, both Democrats, presented one image in Louisiana, while Barbour articulated quite a different rhetorical message, and from the beginning presented a calm and competent figure that represented almost perfectly the preferred self-image of Mississippians.

Some have also concluded that a measure of that rhetoric was pointed across the state border when he said things like “our people weren’t looking for someone to blame; they weren’t whining, complaining. Our people are not into victimhood.”

Berger and Cochran regard this, and comments of other leaders in Mississippi as an attempt on the part of the state “to construct

a new space in the social imaginary instead of representing America’s shameful qualities like racism and ignorance. Mississippi’s public face is hopeful, gracious, grateful, humble, and its public voice bespeaks that all-American can-do attitude.”

This is quite true and there has mostly been a unified voice from the state throughout the post-Katrina period.

The most notable off-message voice involves the disbursement of Katrina funds, especially those to be spent in behalf of housing for the poorest in the state.

Advocates for those groups would likely assert they are the invisible among the invisible. In the years since Katrina it is ever more obvious that Mississippi is being erased from the collective consciousness of many Americans as a place that suffered significantly from the storm.

I will restate for any who might have forgotten: taken alone, without any damage having occurred in Louisiana or elsewhere, Katrina’s toll on the Mississippi Coast would constitute the greatest natural disaster in American history. Berger and Cochran concur with our sense of neglect, saying “one fact remains consistently clear: ‘no one wants to talk about Mississippi.’”

We are left to wonder if President Obama’s failure to acknowledge us with a visit to our Katrina zone is one consequence of our invisibility, resulting from the failure of the national media to tell our story.

If that is the case, then my previous concern that history books won’t contain the accurate story of Katrina has come true in only four years.

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85,000 Iraqis killed in almost 5 years of war

Rebecca Santana
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq’s government said at least 85,000 Iraqis were killed from 2004 to 2008, officially answering one of the biggest questions of the conflict: How many perished in the sectarian violence that nearly led to a civil war?

What remains unanswered by the government is how many died in the 2003 U.S. invasion and in the months of chaos that followed it.

A report by the Human Rights Ministry said 85,694 people were killed from the beginning of 2004 to Oct. 31, 2008 and 147,195 were wounded. The figures included Iraqi civilians, military and police but did not cover U.S. military deaths, insurgents, or foreigners, including contractors. And it did not include the first months of the war after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

The Associated Press reported similar figures in April based on government statistics showing that the government had recorded 87,215 Iraqi deaths from 2005 to February 2009. The toll included violence ranging from catastrophic bombings to execution-style slayings.

Until the report, the government’s toll of Iraqi deaths had been one of the war’s most closely guarded secrets. Both supporters and opponents of the conflict have accused the other of manipulating the toll to sway public opinion.

The 85,694 represents about 0.3 percent of Iraq’s estimated 29 million population. In a sign of how significant the numbers are, that would be akin to the United States losing about 900,000 people over a similar period.

Violence in Iraq has declined dramatically

since the height of the fighting but almost every Iraqi family has a story of relatives killed, maimed or missing. Ali Khalil, 27, of Baghdad’s Sadr City neighborhood, said he was not surprised by the government’s figures.

“I expect that the real numbers of the people killed are higher than this,” said Khalil, whose father was shot in late 2006. He added that he did not think the country would return to the high numbers of dead in the future because security has improved. “We have already lost dear ones, and we hope that our sadness and losses will cease.”

Iraq’s death toll continued to climb on Wednesday when three near simultaneous blasts struck the southern Shiite holy city of Karbala, killing at least six people.

According to the ministry’s report, the dead included 1,279 children and 2,334 women. At least 263 university professors, 21 judges, 95 lawyers and 269 journalists were killed — professions which were specifically targeted as the country descended into chaos.

According to the report, 2006 was the deadliest year with 32,622 killed or found dead. The toll for 2004 was 11,313, rising to 15,817 the next year. The second deadliest year in the period covered was 2007 with 19,155 killed or found dead. The toll fell to 6,787 in 2008, the lowest yearly count for the period.

The count also included 15,000 unidentified bodies that were buried after going unclaimed by families. An additional 10,000 people were also listed as missing although Human Rights Ministry official Kamil Amin said it was not known whether there was overlap between the missing and unidentified counts.

Amin said the missing figures were based



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Iraqi soldiers prepare for a mortar-firing exercise in the desert outside of the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. The U.S. military is helping to train the local security forces.

on people who came to the ministry to report a missing relative, something that many Iraqis, who feared reprisals and were hesitant to draw attention to themselves, were loathe to do.

Significantly the report does not contain figures from 2003, a period during which there was no functioning Iraqi government.

“The situation was chaotic and there was an absence of government institutions. The whole country was in total anarchy,” Amin said.

The violence made it increasingly difficult after 2003 to track death figures independently. Records were not always compiled

centrally, the brutal insurgency sharply limited on-the-scene reporting. The U.S. military never shared its data.

At best, the numbers released by the Human Rights Ministry are a minimum of the number who died.

Emmanuel d’Harcourt from the New York-based International Rescue Committee, who’s participated in mortality surveys in such places as Sudan and Sierra Leone, said the figures are undoubtedly low and that considering the challenges associated with counting those killed in the Iraq conflict, a true figure might never be reached.

Record 1 billion go hungry worldwide

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAIROBI, Kenya — Parents in some of Africa’s poorest countries are cutting back on school, clothes and basic medical care just to give their children a meal once a day, experts say. Still, it is not enough.

A record 1 billion people worldwide are hungry and a new report says the number will increase if governments do not spend more on agriculture. According to the U.N. food agency, which issued the report, 30 countries now require emergency aid, including 20 in Africa.

The trend continues despite a goal set by world leaders nine years ago to cut the number of hungry people in half by 2015.

“It’s actually a world emergency that calls for action from both developing and developed countries,” said Otiye Igbuzor, the head of international campaigns for ActionAid International.

“We know a child dies every six seconds of malnutrition,” he said.

Spiraling food prices have added to hardships, especially in the world’s most desperate countries where the poor could barely afford a single daily meal to begin with. The inflated prices — which caused riots across the globe last year — have stabilized but remain comparatively high, especially in the developing world, Jacques Diouf, director general of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said.

In Somalia, ravaged by violence and anarchy for almost two decades, the monthly expenditure for food and other basic needs for a family of six has risen 85 percent in the past two years, said Grainne Moloney of the Somalia Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit.

On average, such a family spent \$171 in September this year, compared with \$92 for the same amount of food and other needs in March 2007, said Moloney, a nutrition expert for the Horn of Africa nation.

“Families are cutting out the school, cutting out the clothes. A lot of them are going for cheaper cereals,” said Moloney, adding that despite those desperate measures, one in five children in Somalia is acutely malnourished.

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head of international campaigns for ActionAid International

Igbuzor said the trend can be seen in impoverished countries across Africa.

In Kenya, herders have seen scores of their animals die and crops have withered because of drought. Today, 3.8 million people in Kenya need food aid, up from 2.5 million earlier in the year.

After worldwide gains in the fight against hunger in the 1980s and early 1990s, the number of undernourished people started climbing in 1995, reaching 1.02 billion this year amid escalating food prices and the global financial meltdown, the FAO said in its Wednesday report.

The long-term trend is due largely to re-

duced aid and private investments earmarked for agriculture since the mid 1980s, the Rome-based agency said in its State of Food Insecurity report for 2009.

In 1980, 17 percent of aid contributed by donor countries went to agriculture. That share was down to 3.8 percent in 2006 and only slightly improved in the last three years, Diouf said.

“In the fight against hunger the focus should be on increasing food production,” Diouf said. “It’s common sense ... that agriculture would be given the priority, but the opposite has happened.”

The decline may have been caused by low food prices that discouraged private investment in agriculture and competition for public funds from other aid fields, including emergency relief, said FAO economist David Dawe.

Governments and investors may also have chosen to put their money into other economic sectors because agriculture’s share of the economy in some developing countries dropped as people moved to cities and found work in industry.

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NEW YORK

Al-Qaida’s leader used middleman to contact NYC terror suspect

NEW YORK — The airport shuttle driver accused of plotting a bombing in New York had contacts with al-Qaida that went nearly all the way to the top, to an Osama bin Laden confidant believed to be the terrorist group’s leader in Afghanistan, U.S. intelligence officials said.

Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, an Egyptian reputed to be one of the founders of the terrorist network, used a middleman to contact Afghan immigrant Najibullah Zazi as the 24-year-old man hatched a plot to use homemade backpack bombs.

NEW YORK

Dow Jones closes above 10,000 for 1st time in a year

NEW YORK — When the Dow Jones industrial average first passed 10,000, traders tossed commemorative caps and uncorked champagne. This time around, the feeling was more like relief.

The best-known barometer of the stock market entered five-figure territory again Wednesday, the most visible sign yet that investors believe the economy is clawing its way back from the worst downturn since the Depression.

The milestone caps a stunning 53 percent comeback for the Dow since early March.

WASHINGTON

Geithner ‘ultimately responsible’ for failed AIG oversight

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is “ultimately responsible” for regulators’ failure to rein in massive bonus payments at American International Group because he led the agencies that provided AIG’s lifelines, according to a bailout watchdog.

Geithner was president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York before taking over at Treasury in January. He has said he did not learn until March about the \$1.75 billion in bonuses and other compensation promised to AIG employees.

CANADA

Art experts say Leonardo’s print proves drawing is his

TORONTO — A portrait of a young woman thought to be created by a 19th century German artist and sold two years ago for about \$19,000 is now being attributed by art experts to Leonardo da Vinci and valued at more than \$150 million.

The unsigned chalk, ink and pencil drawing, “La Bella Principessa,” was matched to Leonardo via a technique more suited to a crime lab than an art studio — a fingerprint and palm print on the 13.5-inch-by-10-inch work that matched a fingerprint found on Leonardo’s “St. Jerome.”

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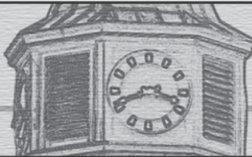
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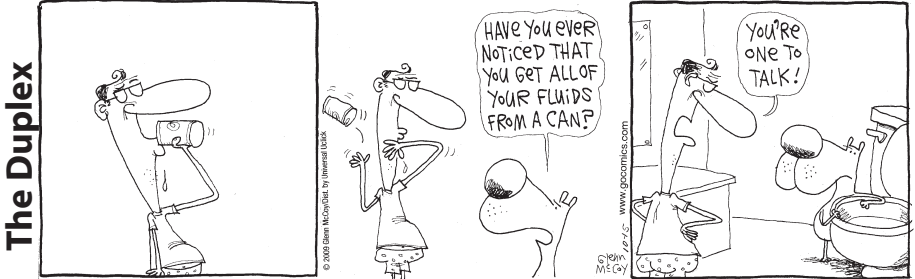
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Crossword

Wednesday's answers

Across

1 Premium movie station
4 Hammer-wielding Norse god
8 First voice of Mickey Mouse
14 "This instant!"
15 Will Rogers prop
16 Rallying cry
17 ISP with chat rooms
18 Took advantage of
19 Scrubs, as pots
20 *Bakery fare named for their shape
23 Actress Holmes
24 Mothers' month
25 Kid's building block
28 Part of CBS: Abbr.
29 *Quixotic reveries
32 1953 Western hero to whom Joey cried "Come back!"
34 Vacation home, maybe
35 Stately tree
38 "Wait, there's more ..."

Down

39 Half-__: coffee order
40 Prefix with friendly
41 Sunday dinners
43 Certain Sri Lankan
45 *Playground fixture
47 Immortal racehorse Man __
51 Opie's dad
52 Coffee dispenser
53 Eagle's nest
54 *Beat poet who wrote "Howl"
58 Ohio city north of Columbus
60 Pre-holiday times
61 Pester
62 Really digs
63 Domesticated
64 MMX ÷ X
65 Basic doctrines
66 One-armed bandit
67 " __ Haw"

Down

1 Chips and nuts
2 "Way to go!"
3 Little barn fliers
4 Cease-fire
5 Leggs product
6 Good thing to keep when hearing opposing views
7 Bureaucratic waste
8 "Take care of it"
9 "Batt. not __"
10 Puffed up, as a sprain
11 Make queasy
12 Throw wide of the mark, say
13 NFL gains
21 Rests one's feet
22 Ham holder
26 Detroit-based financial org.
27 Capital on a fjord
29 Various colored flower
30 Small weight units
31 One way to lower an APR

33 Detest
35 Funny Bombeck
36 Minnesota's state bird
37 Official spoken language of China
39 Traveling show
42 Toronto's includes the CN Tower
43 Quotas
44 Leopold's co-defendant
46 Hot dog holder

48 A type of one begins the answers to starred clues
49 Snoopy's flying persona, e.g.
50 Baseball's Jackson, a.k.a. "Mr. October"
53 It's a good thing
55 Ex-senator Trent
56 Genesis grandson
57 Pixar downfish
58 Sch. near Harvard
59 Enzyme suffix

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

Wednesday's answers

8	4	3	9	7	2	6	5	1
9	5	1	8	6	4	2	7	3
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3	2	6	4	9	7	5	1	8
6	3	9	7	4	8	1	2	5
4	8	2	1	5	6	3	9	7
7	1	5	2	3	9	4	8	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — You'll have to adjust your thinking today. Change is in the air and you probably can't avoid it. Remember that change can be a really good thing, especially if you identify the subtleties in the situation.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — **Today is a 7** — You're more persuasive when you go with the flow. Tune in to your partner's desires. Teamwork!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 6** — Use your personal magnetism to draw your partner close. Be prepared for the thorns that come with roses.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — **Today is a 6** — Your psychic antennae are electrified today. You get more information than you can possibly use, but store it anyway.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — **Today is a 6** — Don't let anyone push you around. You know what you want. You can have it all.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — **Today is a 6** — Romance could occupy the entire playing field if you allow it. If that's what you want, go for it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — **Today is a 7** — Dreams take over your awareness. These could be dreams from last night, or long-term plans. Positive action is needed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — **Today is a 7** — What's going on inside your head can translate into brilliant action. Persuade the ladies in the group first.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — **Today is an 8** — Are you tired of being in charge of all the fun? Let someone else plan today's events. Sit back and enjoy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — **Today is a 6** — Your psychic abilities come into play when someone challenges your authority. Figure out what they really want.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — **Today is a 6** — You get a bright idea that you're sure will work. Others aren't so certain. As time passes, they come around.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — **Today is a 6** — Actions are needed throughout the day. Others try to tell you what to do. They can't force you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — **Today is a 6** — You can persuade others more effectively with soft words. Make new ideas seem familiar.



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Wednesday's answers | Jumbles: GUILT COUGH MODIFY BRUTAL
Answer: What the sergeant gave the recruit confined to barracks — "LIGHT" DUTY

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



Democrat Cheryle Jackson, candidate for U.S. Senate, spoke with students and university staff members Wednesday in Parkinson Building for a question and answer session. "I'm the only non-millionaire running. I don't come from privilege; I have to rely on people," she said. "My campaign is the people's campaign."

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Senate candidate addresses students

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For Cheryle Jackson, Illinois and the nation need to focus on vision, strategy and execution to move forward.

Jackson, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, met with students Wednesday in Parkinson Building to deliver her message and answer questions from potential supporters.

Jackson is running for President Barack Obama's former Senate seat, now held by U.S. Sen. Roland Burris, D-Ill. Burris said he would not seek a full term and wants to focus on issues such as gun violence and health care with his remaining time in the Senate.

Jackson challenges Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias and former Chicago Inspector General David Hoffman in the Feb. 2 Democratic primary for the open Senate seat.

Jackson said she emphasizes the importance of small businesses in recovering from the recession. There is a need for a strong focus on entrepreneurs, Jackson said, through education and investments in colleges and universities.

Said said one way she differs from other candidates is her lack of personal funds to finance her campaign.

"I'm the only non-millionaire running in this campaign," Jackson said. "I think that's important; I

don't come from privilege."

According to the Chicago Tribune, as of Oct. 13, Jackson raised \$354,000 for her campaign, Giannoulias raised \$2.4 million, and Hoffman raised \$405,000 plus the \$500,000 he said he loaned his campaign.

TyJuan Cratic, a senior from Chicago studying political science, said he worked to bring Jackson to the Carbondale campus to spread her message. Cratic said it was a difficult task to organize Jackson's visit without being part of a formal organization.

"You have to believe in what your candidate stands for," Cratic said. "The way (Jackson) talks to small businesses, that's one of the most important things you can do."

Jackson worked as a spokeswoman for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and a former top aide in his administration before leaving in October 2006 to become president of the Chicago Urban League, which promotes social and economic advancement for Chicago's black citizens.

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Cutler stays mum on Owens

Andrew Seligman

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LAKE FOREST — If Jay Cutler is salivating at the thought of passing to Terrell Owens, he wasn't about to let the public in on it.

The Chicago Bears quarterback would not say Wednesday whether he'd like the team to acquire the flashy and controversial receiver from Buffalo.

Asked what he would say if Bears management approached him about Owens, Cutler responded: "I don't think they're going to. I think they'll keep that upstairs."

Is that because the team is happy with its wide receivers? Roughly translated, Cutler mumbled, "Hmmm."

And when asked if he's texted or tweeted Owens, Cutler simply said he doesn't know him. He did, however, let on that he has watched Owens' reality show and that it's "humorous."

While the possibility of T.O. taking his act to the Magnificent Mile and joining forces with the strong-armed quarterback is a tantalizing one, Cutler likes what he's seeing from the Bears (3-1). They've won three straight and should be well-rested after a bye heading into their game Sunday at Atlanta, where they lost in the closing seconds last year.

Last season in Atlanta, the Broncos rallied for a victory. That made

Cutler the lone opposing quarterback to win there in 2008.

"It's a loud environment," said Cutler, who threw for 216 yards and led a fourth-quarter touchdown drive that lifted Denver to a four-point win. "Sunday night football, it will be even louder so we've got to protect the football. They're a good defense. Matt Ryan, Michael Turner, all those guys will try to do a good job. We've got to play our best ball."

Whether they could use help at wide receiver is open to debate, considering the group in place is exceeding expectations.

The Bears opted not to go after a high-profile receiver in the off-season, when Owens was on the market, and stuck with an unproven group. The results so far are promising. The Bears are averaging more than 26 points, and Devin Hester, Earl Bennett and rookie Johnny Knox have all contributed on offense and special teams.

"We had high expectations for them," offensive coordinator Ron Turner said. "We felt good about that group coming in. The only knock on them was they're young and inexperienced. But we felt they were good players."

As for the Owens rumor?

"I just heard something about that," Turner said. "We're happy with the guys we have. We really are. I'm excited about the young receivers we have. They're not playing like young



Miami Dolphins' Vontae Davis covers Buffalo Bills' Terrell Owens in the fourth quarter on Oct. 4, at Landshark Stadium in Miami. The Dolphins defeated the Bills 38-10.

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receivers. They're playing well."

They're thrilled with their franchise quarterback, too, of course. And seeing Matt Forte break out with 121 yards in the last game against Detroit certainly was a welcome sight.

Now, they'd like to get tight end Greg Olsen a little more involved and improve on their 33-percent third-down conversion rate.

"We've only played four games

and there's a lot of football left for us to improve in that area," Cutler said. "We've gone against some tough defenses. ... We've kept ourselves out of third-and-long, which is good. We've just got to get a little bit better at third-and-7 and nines."

With the arrival of Cutler and an unproven group of wide receivers, Olsen seemed poised for a Pro Bowl season. Instead, he's fifth on the team with 10 receptions for 94 yards.


Were the expectations too high? "I don't think so at all," Olsen said. "I feel I have that type of potential and that type of ability. Things have to go your way sometimes."

Cutler said they will for Olsen, eventually.

"We've done a lot of different stuff with Greg," he said. "A lot of teams are trying to take him away from us, which is fine. That's why it's opened up stuff for everyone else."

Saluki Insider

Several ESPN analysts have mentioned the possibility that the Buffalo Bills could trade Terrell Owens to the Chicago Bears. Doyou think T.O. would be a good fit for the 3-1 Bears?




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Long answer: If he can somehow put aside his petty arrogance and learn to get along with his teammates. Also if he regains his speed from five years ago and remembers how to catch passes again.


Short answer: No

Cutler could use an established receiver and legitimate deep threat, but at the same time, do the Bears really want to take a risk on T.O.? History says he ruins whatever he touches and has a falling out with the quarterback. You know he's trying as hard as he can to not fling some crazy accusation at Trent Edwards. You know, like Edwards is holding secret meetings with defensive players on other teams on good ways to cover Owens. I don't think Chicago wants to alienate their new franchise quarterback so early. T.O. may seem promising, but it would end in

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I seem to be a rogue Bears fan on this idea because I actually think Owens would be a good fit for the Bears. Jay Cutler proved in Denver that if he has a solid No. 1 receiver, he can do damage. Owens seems to have matured from his past ways, having gone relatively unnoticed in the media amidst his lowest statistical output since his rookie year. The Bears need to match the offensive firepower of the Vikings, there isn't a defense in the league that is going to stop them, and you can't get to the Super Bowl if you can't get out of your conference.



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It felt good to get back out there; it had been a while since I last competed," Mohamed said. "I was satisfied with my performance — I think I can always do better, but I'm just happy to be back and help the team compete for nationals."

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Mohamed said this weekend will be a measuring stick to see how SIU matches up against some of the top programs in the nation, including top ranked schools such as No. 1 Stanford University, No. 2 Northern Arizona University and No. 4 University of Colorado.

"It'll be key for us to go in confident," Mohamed said. "We will be



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Senior cross country runner Mohamed Mohamed checks his time before starting his run during a practice Wednesday at McAndrew Stadium.

facing some tough schools. We know we've put in the work, so now it's just time to perform."

The women will travel to Peoria to compete in the season's first meet featuring a field of primarily Missouri Valley Conference opponents.

Senior A'Seret Dokubo has been a key contributor for the women this season with top-10 finishes in each of the Salukis first four meets, including a second place finish at the Saluki Invitational.

"I'm headed in the right direction so far," Dokubo said. "I started off real fast, but something was just off at Notre Dame. I hope to rebound this weekend from that and head into the conference championship strong."

Dokubo said the conference title is already in the team's sight and thinks the team matches up well against the rest of the field.

"The majority of our team has ran against these schools for three years now, and we know we can beat them," Dokubo said. "This (meet) will be a good gauge of how much we've progressed."

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ENEMY

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"Last year he may have struggled under the pressure, but this season he's staying poised back there and making great decisions," Farley said. "I think he's just starting to reach his potential."

Farley said he is fully aware of the implications of the game Saturday.

"SIU is probably a top-five team and I think we're a top-five team," Farley said. "That being said, it's gonna be a heck of a game Saturday."

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TAYLOR

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"I'm expecting him to head down there this weekend and begin settling in," Mullins said. "Then he'll start with the midterm eight-week courses."

Mullins said several things influenced Taylor's choice; including his family's familiarity with the area, his father going to SIU and his relationship with head coach Chris Lowery and his coaching staff.

Taylor, the 6-foot-4-inch guard from Bolingbrook, was considered as one of the top-150 players in the nation by many scouting services. Rivals.com ranked him the No. 129 prospect in the nation coming

out of high school in 2009.

Even though Taylor will have to sit out this season because of transfer rules, Mullins said Taylor would be a huge help for the Salukis, especially because he will still have four years of eligibility in 2010.

"He has all the tools to become a complete player. He can shoot the threes, the 10-footers, play inside — anything you ask from him," Mullins said. "He was going to be a good player for Wisconsin, but now he is going to be a good player for Southern Illinois."

Lowery did not comment on Taylor.

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FOOTBALL



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University of Northern Iowa wide receiver Jarred Herring is brought down by the Salukis defense in an SIU 27-24 victory Sept. 27, 2008 at McAndrew Stadium. Northern Iowa head coach Mark Farley said his team would have to keep up its recent level of play if it wants to defeat SIU.

Panthers ready for top-10 showdown



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The Panthers will not settle for a tie this season.

The University of Northern Iowa lost its lone conference game at Carbondale last season, costing it the outright Missouri Valley Football Conference championship. The Panthers will look to redeem the loss and continue their conference dominance Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"Whoever wins this game is gonna be in the driver's seat for the conference," Northern Iowa senior linebacker Josh Mahoney said. "It's at the right moment in our season when we want to play a team like Southern Illinois, and we're excited to line up against them next week."

The No. 2 Panthers (5-1, 3-0 MVFC) come into Saturday's game winner of five straight games since their 17-16 season-opening loss against the University of Iowa. The Hawkeyes, ranked No. 11 in the AP Top 25 poll in the Football Bowl Subdivision, won the game after blocking two straight Northern Iowa field goals in the closing seconds.

The Panthers seem to have taken out their frustration from the loss on all their opponents. The Panthers won their past five games by an average of 37.4 points, holding four of those opponents to seven points or less. They are allowing only 10.83 points per game, and an

average of 261.5 yards per game.

But that's only when the opposing offense gets a chance to run a play.

The Panthers have recorded 18 sacks on the season, including 6.5 sacks from Buck Buchanan Award Candidate James Ruffin. The award is given to the most outstanding defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Head coach Mark Farley said it has been a complete team effort on defense.

"It's all about our front four. They've done a good job of putting on the pressure and getting to the other team's quarterback," Farley said. "But there's also been competition in these sort of games between the players. They are all trying to outdo each other."

The Panthers aren't just dominating opponents on the defensive side.

Northern Iowa is second in the FCS in scoring offense (41.8 points per game) and fourth in total offense

(468.3 yards per game). The balance has also been noticeable, as the Panthers average 216.5 yards rushing and 251.8 yards through the air.

Head coach Dale Lennon said the balance of the Panthers' attack is impressive.

"They're a pretty loaded team on the offensive side. They can hurt you with (redshirt senior quarterback Pat) Grace, but then they can hit you with their run game," Lennon said. "They can do everything, so that's something we'll have to prepare for."

Grace has heeded the call as offensive leader in his second year under center. The redshirt senior has thrown for 1,470 yards this season with 15 touchdowns and only two interceptions. He also does not have to worry about the pass rush, as the five seniors on the offensive line have only allowed seven sacks the entire season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ex-Badger to sign with SIU

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Former Wisconsin freshman guard Diamond Taylor will enroll at SIU and join the men's basketball team, according to his former coach.

Mike Mullins, father of former Saluki Bryan Mullins and Taylor's Amateur Athletic Union coach, said Taylor will be the newest Saluki.

The three-star recruit was expected to be a key contributor for the Badgers this season, but the team revoked his scholarship after he was arrested in September.

Taylor and his University of Wisconsin teammate Jeremy Glover were arrested on charges of burglary and possession of stolen property after being caught with iPods, a cell phone and more than \$400 in cash after leaving a campus dormitory during an incident in early September.

"That's very uncharacteristic from the Taylor I know," Mullins said. "He did something stupid; there is no excuse for what he did. He's facing the consequences for it now, and I know he'll bounce back from this."

Wisconsin has since released Taylor from his scholarship and, according to Mullins, he will move to Carbondale this weekend and start classes next week.

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ROBBINS' NEST

Expert NFL analysis looks novice

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The NFL is clearly the hardest league to figure out.

Year in and year out, we at least know who the good teams in baseball are. Sure, World Series predictions aren't so easy to make, but before game one is played, the experts know who has a realistic shot.

Once in a while, a baseball team will come out of nowhere and outperform or underperform expectations. Usually, it is pretty predictable. By comparison, Houston Texans' quarterback Rex Grossman launching the ball 80 yards downfield into a flock of defenders is less predictable than baseball.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Salukis look to put puzzle together

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The Salukis cross-country team will look to carry its momentum into the Bradley Classic Friday and the Pre-Nationals at Indiana State University Saturday.

The women's team will compete in the Bradley Classic while the men will head to the Pre-Nationals.

Both the women and men last competed Oct. 2 at the Notre Dame Invitational. The women

placed fifth overall while the men finished in eighth place, ahead of No. 28 Notre Dame and No. 30 Princeton.

"We're right where we need to be," head coach Matt Sparks said. "The season is like a puzzle that needs to be put together — we're still putting pieces in right now, and this weekend will be crucial to how well it all gets put together."

Sparks said the team would enter this weekend rested and focused after an extra week off in between meets.

"The women have been up and down this year, but they seem to have found their niche these past couple weeks in practice. As for the men, we had to hold a few guys out earlier, but now we're healthy and they're getting back into their competitive routines."

The SIU women's team enters the weekend ranked 15th while the men come in at sixth place in the Division-I Midwest region, according to U.S. Track & Field and the Cross Country Coaches Association.

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